

REMARKS

In the final Office action mailed on October 1, 2004, claims 40-51 were allowed. Claims 52 and 53, however, were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Edwards (U.S. Patent No. 5,505,730). Claims 54-56 have been objected to as being dependent upon rejected claim 52, but are considered to be otherwise allowable.

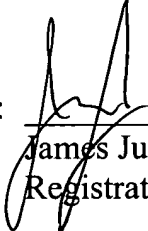
By the present Amendment, claims 52-56 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 40-51 remain pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and requests favorable reconsideration.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the present application at an early date. Should any question arise, kindly contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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